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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL DEFENCE
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and functions of the National Institute of Social Defence;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the fund is spent on administrative overheads;

(c) if so, the break-up of expenditure on this Institute in 2000-2001;

(d) whether there is any proposal to make this Institute a more responsive and field-oriented organization; and

(e) if so, the details and steps proposed to change the direction and activities of this organization?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) The National Institute of Social Defence(NISD) is a subordinate office under the administrative control of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. The objective of the Institute is to strengthen and provide technical inputs to the social defence programmes of the Government of India and to develop and train the manpower resource required in the field for providing services in the areas of social defence. The main areas of activities covered by the Institute are collection of statistics, documentation, research and conducting training programmes pertaining to juvenile justice administration, child adoption, systems involved in child protection, drug abuse prevention and care for senior citizens. The Institute organizes both in-house training programmes as well as training programmes in collaboration with regional partners in the above-mentioned areas. The NISD also undertakes review of policies and programmes in the field of social defence to anticipate and diagnose social defence problems and develop preventive, rehabilitative and curative policies in the field of social defence.

(b) & (c) No Sir. However, the break-up of expenditure on this Institute during the year 2000-01 is as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Head	Plan	Non-plan
Salaries	5.25	34.00
Wages	0.60	0.07
Overtime allowances	0.35	0.30
Domestic Travel Expenses	2.30	0.06
Publications	3.20	0.13
Office Expenses	41.40	3.00
Other charges	163.00	-
	216.10	37.56

Expenditure incurred under the Head `Other charges` is the expenditure on various activities of the NISD such as training, documentation etc. It is therefor, evident that major portion of the expenditure is incurred on activities of the Institute and not on administrative overheads.

(d) & (e) Yes Sir. The Government is considering delegation of powers to provide adequate authority, flexibility as well as independence to this Institute in its day-to-day functioning to perform more efficiently and fulfill its task in a result-oriented manner as also become more accountable for fulfilling its objectives.